

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN KEITH BALES**, on April 11, 2003 at
5:30 P.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Keith Bales, Chairman (R)
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)
Sen. Walter McNutt (R)
Sen. Linda Nelson (D)
Sen. Gerald Pease (D)
Sen. Mike Taylor (R)
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Dale Mahlum, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (R)
Sen. Corey Stapleton (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Jennifer Stephens, Committee Secretary
Doug Sternberg, Legislative Branch

Please Note. These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion
are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:
Executive Action: SJ 30

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 30

Motion: SEN. TAYLOR moved that SJ 30 DO PASS.

Motion: SEN. TAYLOR moved that SJ 30 BE AMENDED.

Discussion:

SEN. TAYLOR proposed a number of amendments. He passed copies to each of the committee members and explained each amendment, **EXHIBIT (ags78a01)**.

SEN. LINDA NELSON asked that on the second to last line of page one a period be put after the word "grains". She wanted the words "without providing a political forum for special interest groups" removed because she thinks it makes the resolution too negative. SEN. TAYLOR agreed to change his amendment.

SEN. WALTER MCNUTT asked SEN. TAYLOR if he had checked with the Office of Economic Development to see if they are interested in undertaking the resolution. SEN. TAYLOR said he had not checked, but he knows that the Office of Economic Development works with the MT Department of Agriculture all of the time. He doesn't think there will be a problem.

Motion/Vote: SEN. BALES moved that SJ 30 BE AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Vote: SEN. TAYLOR moved that SJ 30 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried 4-2 with MCNUTT and TROPILA voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:45 P.M.

SEN. KEITH BALES, Chairman

JENNIFER STEPHENS, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (ags78aad)